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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 24 and 27 January 1994, there appear to have been 55 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note.

Please note that the total number of flights assessed is now 1,296.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(24-27 January 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1264	24 Jan.	0047	0140	AWACS made radar contact with a track 20 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf, heading north-west. The track continued on this heading until it was 10 kilometres north-west of Gorni Vakuf and then turned and headed south-west. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until it landed in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Low 110 knots
1265 1266	24 Jan.	0900	0901	United Nations military observers at Banja Luka observed two Gazelle helicopters (Nos. 12756 and 12928) land at Zaluzani, 10 kilometres north of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Landing Landing
1267	24 Jan.	0900	1430	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation when United Nations military observers at Zvornik were denied access to inspect the helicopter. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Unknown Unknown
1268	24 Jan.	1040	1041	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross (Registration No. T9-HAG) taking off from Zenica, heading south-west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Taking off Slow
1269	24 Jan.	1100	1101	United Nations military observers observed a blue and white MI-8 helicopter flying 20 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo, heading south. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South 5,000 feet Slow
1270	24 Jan.	1315	1316	United Nations flight No. 381 made visual contact with a helicopter flying 25 kilometres south-west of Kiseljak, heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Unknown Unknown
1271	24 Jan.	1415	1416	United Nations military observers observed an MI-8 helicopter flying 20 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo, heading north-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east 1,500 feet Slow

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1272	24 Jan.	1438	1443	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross landing at Zenica. A short time later, the same helicopter took off and headed south-west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east/ south-west Low Slow
1273	24 Jan.	1455	1456	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a green MI-8 helicopter flying 10 kilometres north-east of Banja Luka. Shortly thereafter, contact was lost owing to poor weather conditions. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Low Slow
1274	24 Jan.	1514	1523	AWACS made radar contact with a track 12 kilometres north-east of Posusje, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft were unable to investigate for operational reasons. Radar contact was lost 10 kilometres south-west of Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Unknown 115 knots
1275	24 Jan.	1606	1609	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross landing at Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Landing Landing
1276	24 Jan.	1708	1729	AWACS made radar contact with a track 20 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf, heading south. Radar contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South Unknown 80 knots
1277	24 Jan.	1903	1904	A United Nations aircraft made brief visual contact with a helicopter flying 20 kilometres north-east of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-west Very low Slow
1278	24 Jan.	2236	2313	AWACS made visual contact with a track 20 kilometres north-east of Posusje. Radar contact was lost 10 kilometres south of Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North 5,000 feet Slow
1279	24 Jan.	2302	2313	AWACS made radar contact with a track 25 kilometres north-east of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter as it was landing at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Very low 80-90 knots
1280	24 Jan.	2310	2325	UNPROFOR personnel using night vision devices observed an MI-8 helicopter flying in the vicinity of Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Unknown Unknown

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1281	24 Jan.	2336	0002	UNPROFOR personnel at Vitez observed a helicopter hovering in their vicinity. The report was passed to NATO and, shortly thereafter, AWACS made radar contact with a track 6 kilometres south of Vitez, heading south. Radar contact was lost 5 kilometres north of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 8,000 feet 70 knots
1282	25 Jan.	1002	1026	United Nations military observers observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter with a red cross flying south over Zenica. The helicopter later landed in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South/north, then landing Low Slow
1283	25 Jan.	1058	1154	United Nations military observers observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter with a red cross taking off from Zenica. The helicopter later landed in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South/north, then landing Low Slow
1284	25 Jan.	1205	1252	United Nations military observers observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter with a red cross take off and land in Zenica twice. The first unauthorized take-off and landing occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The second take-off and landing is covered in serial No. 1285.	Taking off and landing Low Slow
1285	25 Jan.	1249	1254	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white and blue MI-8 helicopter 20 kilometres south of Zenica, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft observed the helicopter landing in Zenica. Ten trucks and several people were observed at the landing site. United Nations military observers observed the same helicopter landing in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Low Slow
1286	25 Jan.	1305	1306	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying south, 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South 2,000 feet Slow
1287	25 Jan.	1308	1321	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white and blue MI-8 helicopter in the vicinity of Zenica, heading south. The helicopter landed 40 kilometres south-west of Zenica. The helicopter was met by cars and people, and passengers disembarked. The helicopter became airborne again, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft lost visual contact shortly afterwards for operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Low Slow

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1288	25 Jan.	1340	1535	United Nations military observers observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter with a red cross take off and land in Zenica twice. The first unauthorized take-off and landing occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The second take-off and landing is covered in serial No. 1289.	Taking off and landing Low Slow
1289	25 Jan.	1429	1503	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white and blue MI-8 helicopter 40 kilometres south-west of Zenica, heading east. The helicopter landed 20 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter made several short stops along the way. It became airborne shortly afterwards and visual contact was lost in the vicinity of Zenica. United Nations military observers observed the same helicopter landing in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East then north Low Slow
1290	25 Jan.	2235	2340	AWACS made radar contact with a track 8 kilometres north of Posusje, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter. The helicopter proceeded north and circled a position 22 kilometres south-west of Vitez. United Nations military observers reported hearing a helicopter but were unable to make visual contact because of the weather. The helicopter then headed south and landed at Posusje. There were three additional helicopters observed at the landing site. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 2,000 feet Slow
1291	26 Jan.	0019	0038	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north-east of Posusje, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter landing at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Low Slow
1292	26 Jan.	0910	0940	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly taking off from Zenica. The same helicopter was later observed landing in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Taking off and landing Low Slow
1293	26 Jan.	1013	1044	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly taking off from Zenica. The same helicopter was later observed landing in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Taking off and landing Low Slow
1294	26 Jan.	1420	1421	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter flying north 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North 1,000 feet Slow

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1295	26 Jan.	1352	1445	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly taking off from Zenica. At 1440 hours NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross 18 kilometres south-east of Zenica. NATO fighter aircraft lost visual contact in the vicinity of Zenica. United Nations military observers observed the same helicopter landing in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South 2,000 feet Slow
1296 1297	27 Jan.	0855	0856	United Nations military observers observed two MI-8 helicopters flying over Fojnica, heading west. The unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Low Slow
1298	27 Jan.	0918	0919	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying towards Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Low Slow
1299	27 Jan.	0935	0952	AWACS made radar contact 6 kilometres north of Posusje, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter. Contact was lost 10 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. At 0955 hours, UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter and NATO fighter aircraft flying west away from Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Low 150 knots
1300	27 Jan.	1000	1004	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and belly flying from Zenica, heading south-east. A short time later the same helicopter was observed returning to Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1301	27 Jan.	1040	1041	United Nations military observers observed a Gazelle flying over Zvornik, heading south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east 100 feet Slow
1302	27 Jan.	1050	1051	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying from Zenica, heading south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Low Slow
1303	27 Jan.	1115	1116	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying 20 kilometres west of Vitez and landing. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West and landing Low Slow

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1304	27 Jan.	1235	1236	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying 20 kilometres west of Vitez and landing. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West and landing Low Slow
1305	27 Jan.	1306	1307	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying towards Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West 200 feet Slow
1306	27 Jan.	1330	1347	AWACS made radar contact with a helicopter 30 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka, heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact, which was lost 35 kilometres north-east of Knin. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Low Slow
1307	27 Jan.	1352	1353	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying from Zenica, heading east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East 200 feet Slow
1308 1309	27 Jan.	1410	1411	United Nations military observers observed two MI-8 helicopters flying over Fojnica, heading west. The unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Low Slow
1310	27 Jan.	1411	1434	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly (tail No. T9-HAG) flying from Zenica, heading east. A short time later the same helicopter was observed returning to Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East, then north-west 200 feet Slow
1311	27 Jan.	1445	1509	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter, 20 kilometres west of Kiseljak. Contact was lost in the vicinity of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east 200 feet Unknown
1312	27 Jan.	1458	1527	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly (tail No. T9-HAG) flying south-east away from Zenica. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West 200 feet Slow
1313 1314	27 Jan.	1515	1516	United Nations military observers observed two MI-8 helicopters flying over Fojnica, heading west. The unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Low Slow

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1315	27 Jan.	1632	1633	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying west towards Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West 100 feet Slow
1316	27 Jan.	1947	1952	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter, 22 kilometres north of Posusje. Contact was lost 20 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Low Slow
1317	27 Jan.	2136	2211	AWACS made radar contact with an MI-8 helicopter, 3 kilometres north-west of Posusje heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact, which was lost 5 kilometres south-west of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North 7,900 feet 93 knots
1318	27 Jan.	2219	2234	AWACS made radar contact with an MI-8 helicopter 6 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact. NATO fighter aircraft observed the helicopter landing 3 kilometres south-east of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 10,000 feet 105 knots